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1893

File No. 127

SUBJECT

Complaint by the Rev. E. P. Rice about the unsanitary state of the surroundings of the Sri Ghate Subrahmanya Swami Temple in the Doddaballapur Taluk and the supply of impure water during the annual festival and Cattle fair

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From Rev. E. P. Rice
London Mission, Chikballapur

To The Muzrai Superintendent

Dated 16th January 94

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Enclosures No.

~~General No.~~
~~Muzarai F. No.~~

Bringing to notice a few facts about the Ghatti Subramanya swamy festival in the Doddaballapur Taluk and making certain suggestions.

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Camp Mākali Drg, Jan. 16. 1894

From E P Rice
London Mission, Chik Ballapur

To Superintendent
Mūzarayi Department

Dear Sir,

1. Having spent a few days attending the Festival and Cattle Fair held in the Subramanya Ghat, I have the honour to bring to your notice a few facts about the Festival, and to make a few suggestions which I think will contribute to the comfort and well-being of the large number of persons who resort thither.

2. During the religious part of the Festival there is at present an entire absence of any provision for the maintenance of cleanliness and sanitation. Immediately around the small temple the ground is everywhere littered with the leavings of meals, and with excreta of all kinds; and the same is true to an almost equal extent of the rows of bazaars in front of the temple. The nature of the ground all around is such that it would be extremely easy to erect retiring places for men and women respectively, in spots close at hand but out of sight of the people, and draining away from the temple and the crowds. It would be easy also to insist on all refuse and leavings of meals be being thrown into a pit prepared for the purpose and there consumed by fire. The Dharmakarta of the temple is in full sympathy with these proposals but complains that he cannot do anything for want of servants. In the event of any appointments being made, I would suggest that an essential qualification for the chief post be a thorough knowledge of the Arogya-Bodhini and, if possible, experience of sanitary work in a large town.

3. The only water supply for at least the religious part of the Festival consists of 2 draw wells and 2 open square wells, all close together. The tops of the wells are covered with slab stones flush with the ground. As the people stand on these stones and pour the water over their persons and perform all the other operations of bathing, the defiled water drains back into the

well · so that the water, which was good at first, is very soon rendered dirty and unwholesome. I suggest that both draw-wells and open wells be surrounded by parapet walls.

4. There is one evil, more or less existing in all similar Fairs, but which has appeared to me particularly rife here, and which I think ought to be put down with a strong hand. A number of card-sharpers, chiefly from Bangalore, place themselves on all the lines of approach to the festival and with no more apparatus than 4 playing cards defraud the unsuspecting ryots of thousands of rupees. In one case yesterday a respectable Kuruba lost Rs 51/- in a few minutes. I brought this and other cases to the notice of the local authorities, but they say that, as the Gambling Act is not in force, they have no power to put down the evil. I would suggest that the Durbar be moved to put the Gambling Act into force throughout the Province.

5. I have one more suggestion to make, which may appear novel, but the adoption of which would, I venture to think, be highly beneficial. It is that all able-bodied beggars be taxed. While merchants and ryots all contribute their share to the general income, the unproductive class of beggars alone are allowed to get off scot-free. Everybody who frequents these Festivals is well acquainted with the shamelessness of their extortions and their utter uselessness to the Community. Of course, I exclude the blind, halt and maimed.

I have the honor to be

Your Obedient Servant

Edward P. Rice

(2) Office of the Superintendent
of Ellwrai,
in Ellpore
D/Bangalore 22th Jan. 1894.

From,
The Ellwrai Superintendent
in Ellpore

To The Rev: E.P. Rice
London Mission
Chickballapur

Sir

I have the honor to
with thanks
acknowledge receipt of your
letter dated the 16th instant.

2. If there were no
satisfactory arrangements
regarding the conservancy
and water supply during
the festival at the Subramanya
Ghat as noticed in your
letter under reply, the Temple
and the Taluk Officials
must have disregarded the
standing Rules on the subject.
The Rules provide that all the
Camping or halting grounds

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resorted to by pilgrims should be maintained in a good sanitary state till after the dispersion of visitors and pilgrims and also that all the sources of water supply should be cleaned and purified.

I am addressing the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore today on the subject, enclosing an extract from your letter.

3. With reference to the observations made in para 4 of your letter regarding the wide prevalence of gambling at the place I may remark that the "Gambling Act" is not in force in the Mysore Province, except in the city of Bangalore. The question of introducing the Act into other places

is under the consideration of Government in the Legislative Department.

4. Lastly as regards your suggestion to tax the able bodied beggars infesting the place, while concurring with you that they are "great nuisance" I fear it is not possible to do anything in the matter in the absence of any legal enactment.

I have &c

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Superintendent

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From The Secretary

To The Hon'ble Lord Bangalore

Dated 30

Despatched 31st January

Received

Enclosures No. 1

General No.
Muzarai F. No. 31

In forwarding the enclosed extract from a letter of the 16th Jan'y. '94 addressed to the Mun't by the Rev'd P. Rice of the London Mission Chickballapur, bringing to notice the insanitary state of the temple surroundings and the impure water supply during the annual festival

the pits being finally burnt.

3. The employment of 2 Mhotties temporarily to clean the latrines and the pits every day, and otherwise keep the places clean.

4. The erection of bamboo walls round the wells so as to prevent their impure and foul water escaping flowing into the tank

Paras 1- 3 inclusive of Rev. Rice's letter to be copied out & sent as an enclosure to Vakils docket.

From the Sameno 8928 3-2-94

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and Cattle Fair at the Subramanya Ghaut, has the honor to request that Street Orders may be issued by the Taluk Amildar directing him to make the following Arrangements during Festival occasions hereafter:—

1. The putting up of a few temporary latrines to serve as retiring places for the people assembled.

2. The digging out of a few pits in the Corners of the streets in which alone the people shall be allowed to throw the refuse of meals &c, the Contents

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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN MYSORE
MUZRAI BRANCH
1894

From The Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District.

To The Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore
Muzrai Department

Dated 2nd February 1894.

Despatched 5

Received 5.2.94

Enclosures No.

General No.
D No. 892

The Muzrai Secretary's
No. 802 dated 30th ultimo
anent the arrangements
to be made during festival
occasions in future.

Adverting to the
above, has the honor to
enquire whether the cost
will be paid from the
Muzrai funds. This
ought to be the first charge
on the fees collected, which
go to the temple fund.

for Deputy Commr
Bangalore Dist

MUZARAI.

(General Serial No. 30.)

1894.

From ✓

To Dy Comr Bangalore

Dated 20th

Despatched 21 Feby.

Received

Enclosures No. R

General No.
Muzarai F. No.

His. ct No 892 dated 3rd ~~2nd~~ from what funds ✓ February 94, enquiring ~~about~~ ✓ the Coast for making certain Sanitary arrangements ... during ~~the Annual~~ Natural occasions ~~and Cattle~~ fair at the ... Subramanya Gharat, Dod-ballapur Taluk, ~~should~~ ✓ ~~may be~~ be met ~~to be met from the Muzarai funds~~.

With reference to

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from the Sanction No 1385 dt 13/5/95

the above has the
request that
shewing the probable cost
of making the necessary
arrangements ~~in future~~
on festival occasions
may be ~~sent~~ forwarded
to this office

By order

Secretary
E.T.

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1895

From The Dy Commissioner Bangalore District

To The Secretary to the Govt of Mysore Forest Department

Dated 13th May 1895.

Despatched 16th Do

Received 18/5

Enclosures No. 7.

General No.

D No. 1385.

His docket No 901 dated 21st February 1893 last directing Estimates for making Sanitary arrangements during the festival occasion at the Subramya Chat. Dodballapur Taluk

Referring to the above has the honor to forward an estimate for Rupees 65-10-9 being the cost of constructing a

In Ex as 6/5/95

same No 1128. 3 11/6/95

Cubic at the place,
Four latrines will
have to be constructed
at a cost of Rupees
262-11-0, Water such
from the sources
available at the work
of the Temple and from
the Collections to be
made at the Jatra,
which is to take place
by the end of this month
Plan and Vernacular
Letters inviting both
Builders Rs 30
are enclosed -

S. Narasimhaiyar
for Dy Commissioner
Lohardaga

MUZARAI.

~~GUNDER.~~

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From The Sub Asst

~~*Officer in charge of the Gundlu,*~~

~~Srirangapatam~~

To

The D Asst C.

Dated 11th May 95.

Despatched 12th June 1895

Received

Enclosure No. 1 file

General No 11285

Muzarai F No 78-93

Hirihd D 1383- D/13th May 1895 ~~Submitting~~ ~~for~~ Soliciting Sanction for the construction of 4 latrines - each at a cost of Rs 65- 10-9. as per estimate submitted - for the use of the pilgrims assembling at on festival occasion at the Shri Subramaniaswamy Temple Doddabetta Kapanahalli

Adverting to the
above heading
to state that ~~it~~ it is not necessary to con-
struct permanent latrines
~~built~~ of stones
~~laid~~ as proposed in
the Plans. ~~A few~~ It will be quite sufficient
if a few latrines
~~temporary~~
formed of bamboo
~~matties~~ matties ~~will~~ be
put up temporarily
on Jatra occasions.

2. The Rev.
papers to pilgrims
with the estimate
submitted with
the docket under
reply are accordingly
returned herewith.

By order

Sd